GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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MEDICINAL PLANTS IN HILLY AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of medicinal plants, herbals are found in the hilly areas of the country, especially in Western Ghat region and around Belgaum region;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any concrete steps for proper use of these medicinal plants; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Government has set up a Task Force to look into various aspects related to development of high altitude medicinal plants. Further, it has been decided in the last meeting of the National Medicinal Plants Board to set up a Task Force for development of medicinal plants found in the Western Ghats.